



# BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

August 2023



At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised,  
"Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."

Hebrews 12:26

The renovations in the fellowship hall are complete. This week not only did we shake the earth with a worship service to christen the room, 40 children shook the heavens with four days of Vacation Bible School in our old space made new. A new task lies before us: to fill the fellowship hall with the laughter of children, and with songs of praise.



# AUGUST

Many other groups meet here, but mostly BMPC events are reflected on this calendar.

Sunday	M	T	W	Th	F	S
<p><b>DON'T MISS FELLOWSHIP NIGHT</b> Tuesday, Aug. 8, 5:30 at Foothills Grange</p>		<p><b>1</b> 1:30p Staff Mtg 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Prophets Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b> 11:30a Fellers Lunch</p>	<p><b>3</b>  5p Karate with Tanner</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty &amp; Soul</p>
<p><b>6</b> 9a FirstLight Worship 10:30a Family Worship 10:30a Montreat Worship</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 11a PW Coordinating Team 1:30p Staff Mtg 5:30p Fellowship Night at Grange 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Prophets</p>	<p><b>9</b> 11:30a Fellers Lunch</p>	<p><b>Deadline for the September Window newsletter Tuesday, August 15</b></p>		<p><b>12</b> 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty &amp; Soul</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9a FirstLight Worship 10:00a Family Worship 11:00a Worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>14</b> 1p EC Book Study 2:15p EC Team 5p Cong. Life, Strategic 5:15p Worship 5:30p Property 7p Faith Form., H&amp;W, Mission, Personnel</p>	<p><b>15</b> 1:30p Staff Mtg 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Mama's Group 7p Prophets Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16</b> Youth at Lake Lure 11:30a Fellers Lunch 7p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>17</b> 3p Book Group with Ina Hughs 5p Karate with Tanner</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty &amp; Soul</p>
<p><b>20</b> 9a FirstLight Worship 10:00a Family Worship 11:00a Worship 2p Child Protection Training 4p Finance Team 5:30p Choir Potluck</p>	<p><b>21</b> 1p Earth Care Book Study</p>	<p><b>22</b> 1:30p Staff Mtg 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Prophets Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b> 11:30a Fellers Lunch 7p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24</b>  5p Karate with Tanner</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty &amp; Soul</p>
<p><b>27</b> 9a FirstLight Worship 10:00a Family Worship 11:00a Worship 12p Discovery Class</p>	<p><b>28</b> 1p Earth Care Book Study 6p Session 7p Beer &amp; Hymns at White Horse</p>	<p><b>29</b> 1:30p Staff Mtg 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Prophets Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>30</b> 11:30a Fellers Lunch 7p Choir Rehearsal 7p Children, Youth, and Parent Dinner</p>	<p><b>31</b> 8:30a Weekday School begins  5p Karate with Tanner</p>	<p><b>DISCOVERY CLASS</b> Sunday, Aug. 27, noon lunch &amp; childcare provided Sign up at <a href="http://bmpcnc.org">bmpcnc.org</a></p>	

# BACKPACK BUDDIES

It's that time again. It seems that summer always flies by. Buncombe County Schools begin on Monday, August 28, so we have just a few weeks to get everything together this year.

**Collection of supplies will begin on Sunday, August 6, in the parlor and will be picked up on Sunday, August 20.**

Supplies will be gathered and delivered to Grove Stone Baptist Church which is the Hand in Hand delivery point. Volunteers will sort the items during this week into separate areas for the primary, elementary, middle, and high school-aged children. For example, crayons would go to primary and elementary while college-ruled paper would go to the high schools. Small backpacks would go to the younger children, while the large backpacks would go to the middle and high schools. Once everything has been divided and boxed up, volunteers will deliver the supplies to the six schools in the Owen district. The intention is to get everything delivered before school starts on August 28.

Each school has a closet where the school supplies are kept. When a teacher sees a need, the child is sent to the counselor to pick what they need out of that supply closet. This allows the child to get what they need in private.

Hand in Hand is a local faith-based nonprofit working with local churches and businesses to help the children and teachers at the six Owen district schools. We are blessed to be a mission partner with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. Our valley students need our help to be successful in school and this is a big part of that success.

**Questions?** Contact Jennifer Holt at 828-230-8613 or Kyle Holt at 828-606-0631



## School Supplies Needed

Pencil Boxes  
Glue Sticks  
Notebook dividers  
Backpacks: all sizes  
Sharpies  
Spiral Notebooks: all sizes  
Crayons  
Scissors  
Pocket Folders  
Pencils  
Copy Paper  
Pens  
Kleenex  
Poster Boards  
Magic Markers  
Hand Sanitizer  
Tri fold Presentation Boards  
White Board Markers  
Stitched Composition Books  
Index Cards  
Rulers  
USB Thumb Drives  
Notebook Paper: college- and wide-ruled

**Blessing of the Backpacks** – children are encouraged to bring their backpack for the new school year for a special blessing during worship on Sunday, August 20.



# Presbyterian Women

**PW Coordinating Team will meet  
Tuesday, August 8, at 11:00 a.m.  
in CR1 – bring your lunch.**

Please consider joining one of our six circles. We have great Bible studies and make lifelong friendships and most circles do a mission project as well. It's a great way to feel more involved in BMPC! We meet, enjoy fellowship, and learn on the first (or second) Tuesday of each month.

## PW Circle Times

<b>Dorcas</b> 10:00 a.m. Church House	<b>Esther</b> 10:30 a.m. Homes	<b>Lydia</b> 6:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesday) Church House
<b>Naomi</b> 3:00 p.m. Church House	<b>Priscilla</b> 10:00 a.m. Church House	<b>Ruth</b> 1:30 p.m. Highland Farms

For questions or more information, contact  
Barbara Brinson (716) 307-9054 or  
Ann Wilde (713) 851-5418

*Putting faith in action is what we do!*

[www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)

# Meet & Eat back by popular demand

It's time to sign-up for our fall Meet & Eat groups. Each group will consist of eight adult members. Anyone who wants to participate will have three ways to sign up. You can sign up by using the QR code below where you will indicate whether you want to sign up for a dinner or lunch group or would be happy to be part of either one. You will also be asked for the number in your party and if you might be willing to host a dinner. You can also sign up by calling the church office (828-669-2725) or adding your name to the sign-up sheet on the counter outside of fellowship hall. Each group will meet three times during the months of September, October, November, and December. For the first dinner, one person in the group will be asked to come up with a date when everyone can meet. The members of the group will determine the dates for the next two dinners. This is a great opportunity to form real relationships with other members of our congregation. **The deadline for signing up is Sunday, August 20.**



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# Choir Potluck & singing session in fellowship hall Sunday, August 20, 5:30 p.m.

Bring a friend and a side dish or dessert  
(fried chicken will be provided).

## We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

There are waiting lists for all the Weekday School classes with the exception of the four-year-old



classroom where space is still available. We have a staff of ten and 61 children are enrolled so far.

Thank you for supporting us by using your Ingles Advantage cards. We were able to purchase \$2,500 in supplies this year with the funds we earned. All card links were cancelled at the end of May so in August we will need to relink our Advantage cards by going to [ingles-markets.com](http://ingles-markets.com) and clicking on Tools for Schools under Education or by signing up outside fellowship hall.

Your love, prayers, and financial support of this vital ministry mean so much to the staff and families of our church and community. This year we had eight families on scholarships and gave out a total of \$16,000 in scholarship monies. Without your generous donations, these families would not be able to afford for their child to receive this quality early childhood education. Thank you for understanding the importance of these young members of our congregation and community.

– Alice Patton

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## Child Protection Training Sunday, Aug. 20, 2-4:00 p.m. in CR1

We are helping to keep our youngest members safe! This training is for those in our church who are working with, or plan to work with, children and youth and have not been through the training or it's been over five years. We also encourage church leaders, deacons and elders, to attend this training. Register at [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org)

## Extended Communion

Would you like Communion brought to you or a family member because they have been unable to get to church lately? Just let your deacon or a pastor know!

BMPC is bringing back a program of extending the sacrament on a Sunday that we celebrate Communion. When requested, deacons will make an appointment for that day (or another day if more convenient) and you will be served by intinction in your home.

If you have been unable to gather with us in person, we understand, but we miss you! Contact your deacon or a pastor if you would like the Lord's Supper and it will be a privilege to bring it to you!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

BMPC annual picnic  
at Camp Rockmont

**Sunday, September 10**

2:00-5:00 p.m. Waterfront

5:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Music

## WHAT BIRDS NEED: LEAVE WILD NATURE ALONE

“In the five days we spent there (in a cabin on the Cumberland Plateau), we walked in an endless garden – Queen Anne’s lace and forest tickseed, Carolina horse nettle and narrowleaf vervain, annual fleabane and zigzag spiderwort and oxeeye daisies were all growing untended on the side of the road. The woods were filled with songbirds: bluejays and goldfinches and tufted titmice and chickadees and bluebirds and even the secretive scarlet tanager. Tanagers generally keep to the treetops, but the trees growing in the soil of Lost Cove reach up to the edge of the bluff. From our own perch, we had a bird’s eye view of the trees. We watched a pair of red-tailed hawks teaching their fledglings to hunt. We listened to a pileated woodpecker’s wild cry from the top of a dead tree and heard a red fox barking in the dark as two barred owls called to each other: Who, who, who cooks for you? At Lost Cove, the nights are as beautiful as the days. The fireflies come out to fill the forest just as the stars come out to fill the skies.”

*from Graceland, At Last: Notes on Hope and Heartache from the American South*  
by Margaret Renkl

## WHAT MIGRATING BIRDS SEE AS THEY FLY

“The land is a sharp reflection of the worldview of the peoples who care for it, or don’t. Orioles fly over hundreds of miles of land degraded by the outcomes of the western worldview, miles of pavements, mines, oil rigs, frack wells flaring methane, industrial sacrifice zones, urban sprawl. Many of the green places are monocrop agriculture – fields or forest plantations toxic with herbicides and nothing to eat. This, the worldview of human exceptionalism, understands land primarily as natural resources, property, capital and ecosystem services . . . My beloved singers navigate this wasteland, looking for a place to rest. They must be as grateful as I for the patchwork of protected land, public and private, refuges, parks and forests. These intact places are ever more critical, not only for shelter for other species but for purifying air, sequestering carbon and making it rain. These are places, islands in a sea of loss, where the birdsong still rises and insects stitch together the fabric of the land, pawprints follow ancient trails, fish still guard the water as they were asked to do and where human people have not forgotten their gifts and their responsibilities.”

*from Mending Our Relationship with the Earth* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

## BMPC Solar Panel Report energy captured in June, 2023

Energy captured from the sun  
**1100 kWh**

Money saved at 11 cents per kWh  
**\$121**

CO2 saved from going  
into the atmosphere  
**891 pounds**

Duke energy bill 5/9-6/8, 2023  
**\$1653.01**

(total bill for church building,  
church house, and parking lot lights)

## Earth Care Team Happenings

**Meetings resume August 14, with the book group meeting at 1:00 p.m. and a team meeting at 2:15.**

Some items to be addressed:

- **The annual church picnic on September 10.** How might we encourage folks to be environmentally responsible while having a great time?
- **Beyond Land Acknowledgement Conference, September 30 at UNCA.** How can we support this conference focused on building connections with our Native neighbors?
- Setting goals for the coming year

# August birthdays

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| <b>2</b> Dave McClintock<br>Jeannie Franklin<br>Weston Hall            | <b>17</b> John LaMotte  |
| <b>4</b> Connor Watson Burns   | <b>18</b> Marc Begley   |
| <b>5</b> Andy Banzhoff   | <b>19</b> Janice Griffin  |
| <b>6</b> Frank DiPalma   | <b>20</b> John Snell  |
| <b>7</b> Anne Straughan<br>Barbara Griffin<br>Nora Price<br>Will Goins | <b>21</b> Matthew Baraki<br>Bob Tuttle<br>Leslie Applewhite                       |
| <b>8</b> Emily Munn<br>Joy Inabinette                                  | <b>23</b> Joe Walker  |
| <b>9</b> Kitty Fouche<br>Jeff Vancini                                  | <b>24</b> Kali Fleagle<br>Chelsea Goins   |
| <b>11</b> Cathy McMillan<br>Penny Mayronne<br>Fiona Rachman            | <b>26</b> Katherine Holman<br>Teddy Cappelli                                      |
| <b>12</b> Cis Wilde  | <b>27</b> William Neville<br>Melissa Kadau<br>Emily Cappelli<br>Elizabeth Turnage |
| <b>13</b> Betsy Atkinson   | <b>29</b> Mike Beaver<br>Jesse Dannenberg<br>Linda Sperath                        |
| <b>14</b> Travis Reece   | <b>30</b> Phil Cogbill<br>Wade Burns  |
| <b>16</b> Cheryl Wilson<br>Blake Martin                                | <b>31</b> Andrew Tyson  |

## Youth wish list



We are hoping to receive these items. Thank you for your continued support!

## Dinner and Details

**Wednesday, August 30, 5:30 p.m.**

This event is for families of all children and youth involved in programs at BMPC. Come have dinner with us and learn about all the programs planned for this fall and winter! This is also a great time to ask questions and fill out necessary paperwork. We will also be sharing more about our upcoming Generosity campaign and how we hope to get everyone in the church involved. More information will be coming soon via email and letter.



## Asheville Tourists baseball game

**Friday, September 1, 6:35 p.m.**

Tickets are \$9.50/person. This is the last Friday night home game of the 2023 season. Hot dogs will be a dollar and there will be fireworks after the game.

Tickets are limited so register now on our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org).

## SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce that our Wednesday night Spaghetti Dinners will return this fall beginning Wednesday, September 6, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome! There is a suggested donation of \$5/per person or \$20/per family. There are vegetarian and gluten free options available. We will have a weekly sign-up for this event.



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

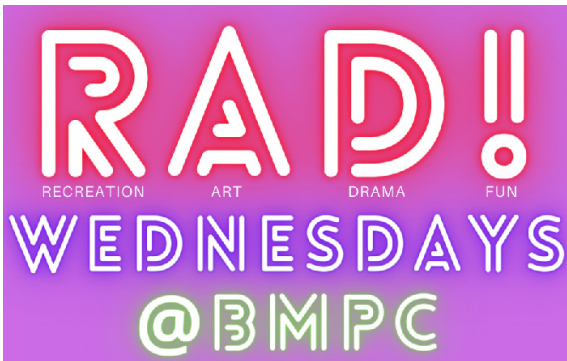


an Earth Care Congregation



**BMPC Child Protection Policy**

*providing a safe environment for children & youth*



Want a time for your  
kids to connect and  
play? Join us for  
**RAD! Wednesdays**  
**September 6–November 8**

This is a time for recreation, arts, drama, music, fellowship and more! This program is for children four years old through fifth grade. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Our focus will be learning the story of Noah's Ark.

Church bus transportation will be provided for children who attend Black Mountain Primary/Elementary and Art Space Charter School. **Register at [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org)** and please indicate in the registration if your child will be riding the bus and which school they attend.